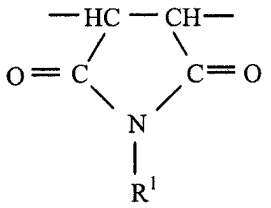
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A stretched film (X) obtained from a resin composition by melt-extrusion casting followed by stretching at least in one direction,

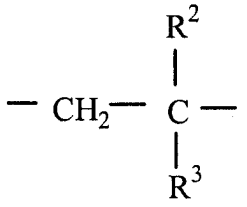
(1) the resin composition containing a maleimide-olefin copolymer (A) having 40 to 60 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (I),



(I)

wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a monovalent aromatic hydrocarbon group,

and 60 to 40 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (II),



(II)

wherein each of R^2 and R^3 is independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

and an acrylonitrile-styrene copolymer (B) containing 21 to 45 % by weight of an acrylonitrile unit,

the resin composition having a copolymer (A) content of at least 50 % by weight but not more than 99 % by weight and a copolymer (B) content of at least 1 % by weight but not more than 50 % by weight,

(2) the stretched film (X) having a maximum retardation (Rp) at 550 nm in an in-plane direction, the maximum retardation satisfying the following expression,

$10 \text{ nm} < Rp \leq 400 \text{ nm}$

(3) the stretched film (X) having a retardation (Rth) at 550 nm in the thickness direction, the retardation satisfying the following expression,

$0 \text{ nm} < |Rth| \leq 400 \text{ nm}$.

2. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, wherein

(1-a) the resin composition has a copolymer (A) content of over 75 % by weight but not more than 99 % by weight and a copolymer (B) content of at least 1 % by weight but less than 25 % by weight,

(2-a) Rp satisfies the following expression,

$10 \text{ nm} < Rp \leq 250 \text{ nm}$

and

(3-a) Rth satisfies the following expression,

$0 \text{ nm} < |Rth| \leq 400 \text{ nm}$.

3. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, wherein

(1-b) the resin composition has a copolymer (A) content of over 50 % by weight but not more than 65 % by weight and a copolymer (B) content of at least 35 % by weight but less than 50 % by weight,

(2-b) Rp satisfies the following expression,

$10 \text{ nm} < Rp \leq 400 \text{ nm}$

and

(3-b) Rth satisfies the following expression,

$0 \text{ nm} < |Rth| \leq 400 \text{ nm}$.

4. (original): The stretched film of claim 3, which satisfies the following expressions,

$ny < nz < nx$ and

$0.3 \leq \{(nx-nz)/(nx-ny)\} \leq 0.9$,

wherein nx is a refractive index in an in-plane lagging axis direction at 550 nm,

ny is a refractive index in a direction perpendicular to the in-plane lagging axis at 550 nm, and

nz is a refractive index in the thickness direction at 550 nm.

5. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, which is a product by the stretching at a stretch ratio that satisfies the following expression,

$R^{MD} > R^{TD}$ or $R^{TD} > R^{MD}$

wherein R^{MD} is a stretch ratio in the machine direction and R^{TD} is a stretch ratio in the transverse direction.

6. (original): The stretched film of claim 5, wherein $|R^{MD}/R^{TD}|$ or $|R^{TD}/R^{MD}|$ is in the range of over 1.0 but not more than 5.0.

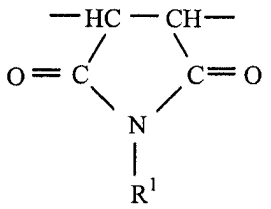
7. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, which is a biaxially stretched film.

8. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, which has one or less coarse streaked projection having a height of 10 μm or more, a width of 0.3 mm or more and a length of 5 cm or more, per meter of width in the transverse direction of the stretched film.

9. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, which has a water vapor permeability of 5 to 250 g/(m^2·day).

10. (withdrawn-currently amended): A process for the production of a stretched film of claim 1, which comprises forming a film from a resin composition by melt-extrusion casting and then stretching the film at least in one direction to produce the stretched film of claim 1,

(1) the resin composition containing a maleimide-olefin copolymer (A) having 40 to 60 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (I),



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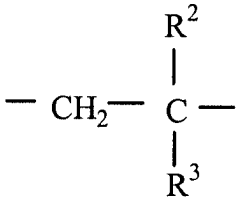

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wherein each of R^2 and R^3 is independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

and an acrylonitrile-styrene copolymer (B) containing 21 to 45 % by weight of an acrylonitrile unit,

the resin composition having a copolymer (A) content of at least 50 % by weight but not more than 99 % by weight and a copolymer (B) content of at least 1 % by weight but not more than 50 % by weight,

(2) the film being stretched at a stretch ratio that satisfies the following expression,

$R^{MD}>R^{TD}$ or $R^{TD}>R^{MD}$

wherein R^{MD} is a stretch ratio in the machine direction and R^{TD} is a stretch ratio in the transverse direction.

11. (withdrawn-currently amended): The ~~Process~~ process of claim 10, in which the stretching is carried out by biaxial stretching.

12. (withdrawn): The process of claim 10, wherein $|R^{MD}/R^{TD}|$ or $|R^{TD}/R^{MD}|$ is in the range of over 1.0 but not more than 5.0.

13. (withdrawn): The process of claim 10, wherein R^{MD} is in the range of 1.0 to 1.8 and R^{TD} is in the range of 1.5 to 3.5.

14. (withdrawn): The process of claim 10, wherein the stretching is carried out at a stretching temperature (Td) in the range of Tg to (Tg + 40°C) in which Tg is a glass transition temperature of the resin composition, and at a stretching velocity of 5 to 5,000 %/minute.

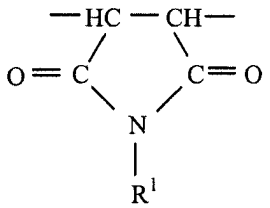
15. (original): A laminated material comprising the stretched film (X) recited in claim 1 and a polarizer formed thereon.

16. (original): The laminated material of claim 15, wherein the polarizer is formed from a polyvinyl alcohol containing iodine or an anisotropic dye.

17. (original): The laminated material of claim 15, wherein a film is further formed on the polarizer.

18. (original): The laminated material of claim 15, wherein the film is a stretched film (Y) formed from a resin composition by melt-extrusion casting followed by stretching at least in one direction,

(1-c) the resin composition containing a maleimide-olefin copolymer (A) having 40 to 60 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (I),



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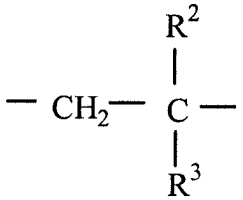

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and an acrylonitrile-styrene copolymer (B) containing 21 to 45 % by weight of an acrylonitrile unit,

the resin composition having a copolymer (A) content of over 65 % by weight but less than 75 % by weight and a copolymer (B) content of over 25 % by weight but less 35 % by weight,

(2-c) the stretched film (Y) having a maximum retardation (Rp) at 550 nm in an in-plane direction, the maximum retardation satisfying the following expression,

$Rp < 10$ nm.

19. (original): The laminated material of claim 15, which is a sheet polarizer.

20. (original): A liquid crystal display comprising a liquid crystal cell and laminated materials of claim 15 arranged on both surfaces of the liquid crystal cell.